

**From:** Andre  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** So what was the point?

Dear Anti-trust Division, US Department of Justice,

I don't work in high tech. I don't own stock in Microsoft or in any of their competitors. I don't even know anyone who works for Microsoft or any of their competitors. I'm just a consumer and a user of Windows and other software programs.

And boy, do I think this settlement sucks.

Microsoft clearly and flagrantly violated anti-trust laws, and CONTINUES TO DO SO by using profits from their OS monopoly to fund money-losing forays into other areas designed to hurt - or better yet - bankrupt opponents. They've done it over and over again (web browsers, streaming media players, word processors, spreadsheets, presentation programs, mobile device operating systems, and the list goes on and on).

Now they're at it again with the XBOX, just you watch. What gives them the right to use monopoly profits to subsidize losses in the console gaming market - to the tune of an estimated \$700 million - \$1 billion over the next several years?

I call your efforts at enforcing the anti-trust laws pathetic. For my money, you all might as well have not bothered with any of this. It's like convicting a criminal of a violent crime then letting him go unsentenced and free because he has connections. Or trying to referee a boxing match without bothering to strip the machine gun away from the bigger boxer.

A lot of show, little to show for it. If you had just left Microsoft alone, by now they would probably have pushed the arrogance button so hard that consumers would probably be in open rebellion.

Yours truly,

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